STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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General Assembly   *Substitute Bill No. 5250*

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF PRIMARY POLLING PLACE OFFICIALS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1   Section 1. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 9-436 of the 2012
2   supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is
3   substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4   (c) The registrar shall appoint from among the enrolled party
5   members in the **[**municipality or political subdivision holding the
6   primary, as the case may be**]** state, to serve in each polling place, the
7   primary polling place officials, who shall consist of one moderator, at
8   least one, but not more than two official checkers, not more than two
9   challengers if **[**he**]** the registrar deems it necessary, and at least one and
10   not more than two ballot clerks and at least one but not more than two
11   voting tabulator tenders for each tabulator in use at such primary and,
12   in towns with two or more voting districts at least one and not more
13   than two assistant registrars, provided (1) **[**in the case of a political
14   subdivision holding a primary, if no enrolled party member who
15   resides in the political subdivision and who is a certified moderator
16   consents to serve as a moderator, the registrar may appoint any
17   enrolled party member who resides in the municipality and is a
18   certified moderator to be moderator, (2)**]** in the case of either a
19   municipality or a political subdivision holding a primary, if no

20   enrolled party member can be found or no such person consents to
21   serve as a moderator, the registrar may appoint any elector who
22   resides in the **[**municipality**]** state and is a certified moderator to be
23   moderator, **[**(3)**]** (2) in the case of a political subdivision holding a
24   primary, if an insufficient number of enrolled party members who
25   reside in the **[**political subdivision**]** state consent to serve as checkers,
26   challengers, voting tabulator tenders or assistant registrars, the
27   registrar may appoint any **[**enrolled party member**]** elector who resides
28   in the **[**municipality**]** state to be a checker, challenger, voting tabulator
29   tender or assistant registrar, **[**(4) in the case of either a municipality or
30   a political subdivision holding a primary, if a sufficient number of
31   enrolled party members cannot be found or do not consent to serve in
32   a position described in subdivision (3) of this subsection, the registrar
33   may appoint any elector who resides in the municipality to any such
34   position, and (5)**]** and (3) in the case of either a municipality or a
35   political subdivision holding more than one primary on the same day
36   for different political parties, one certified moderator may serve as
37   moderator for both primaries, if the registrars of voters so agree. If
38   unaffiliated electors are authorized under section 9-431 to vote for
39   some but not all of the offices to be contested at the primary, the
40   registrar shall appoint two additional checkers to check the list of
41   unaffiliated electors who are authorized to vote on the separate
42   tabulators. If unaffiliated electors are authorized under section 9-431 to
43   vote in the primary of either of two parties in the same polling place,
44   whether for some or for all offices to be contested at the primary, each
45   such registrar shall appoint two additional checkers to check the list of
46   unaffiliated electors who are authorized to vote in either such primary.

47   (d) The registrar shall designate one of the moderators so appointed
48   by the registrar to be head moderator or shall appoint as head
49   moderator an elector who is not also moderator of a polling place and
50   who shall be deemed a primary official. The registrar may also appoint
51   a deputy head moderator to assist the head moderator in the
52   performance of his duties. A deputy head moderator shall also be
53   deemed to be a primary official. Each registrar's appointments of

54 primary polling place officials, except moderators of polling places,
55 and of designees to conduct supervised voting of absentee ballots
56 pursuant to sections 9-159q and 9-159r shall be divided equally, as
57 nearly as may be, between designees of the party-endorsed candidates
58 and designees of one or more of the contestants, provided, if a party-
59 endorsed candidate is a member of a party other than the one holding
60 the primary, such primary officials shall be enrolled party members of
61 the party holding the primary. Names of designees and alternate
62 designees for such positions shall be submitted in writing by party-
63 endorsed candidates and contestants to the registrar not later than ten
64 days before the primary, except that names of designees and alternate
65 designees for the position of moderator shall be so submitted not later
66 than twenty-one days before the primary and, if such lists are not so
67 presented, all such appointments shall be made by the registrar but in
68 the above-mentioned proportion. The registrar shall notify all such
69 candidates and contestants of their right to submit a list of designees
70 under this section. Notwithstanding any other provision of this
71 section, the registrar shall appoint as moderators only persons who are
72 certified to serve as moderators or alternate moderators pursuant to
73 section 9-229, unless there is an insufficient number of such persons
74 who are enrolled members of the registrar's party **[**in the municipality
75 or political subdivision**]** holding the primary, in which case the
76 registrar may appoint a new moderator in accordance with section 9-
77 229, but only to the extent of such insufficiency. Primary central
78 counting moderators and absentee ballot counters shall also be
79 deemed primary officials. No primary official shall perform services
80 for any candidate at the primary on primary day.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*from passage*	9-436(c) and (d)

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst.*